Dom: Miss: Pr Ep Ch
17 Bible House, Astor Place
New York Feb 7 1862

Dear Sir

The treasurer of the Dom: Com: has received your remittance of $80 00/100 (of which $10 is for Miss Harriet Potts-deceased) as a contribution from Christ Ch. Phila

The check of Miss W E Smith is transmitted to day to Bp Whipple, we acknowledge it in our published statement as anonymously received.

Very truly yours
J. Dixon Carter
Sec & Gen Agt P.E.

Edwin L. Clark
Warden Christ Ch.
Philadelphia
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Dear Sir

It may perhaps be more satisfactory to you to have the facts I mentioned this morning put in writing, as you will probably have to lay them before your Vestry. –

My brother in Law Samuel Rush died on the 24th. inst. 1859. – As it was always understood in the family that he was the holder of a sitting in St. Peters Church, an application was made to Mr Gurney Smith, for a certificate to enable him to be buried near his Father and Mother in Christ Church burial Ground. To our great surprise he was informed that his name was not on the pew books, and that no such certificate could be given. – There was of course no time for further investigation and twenty five dollars was paid by his son in law Mr Edesc Biddle to Mr Bringhurst (the Sexton) as the fee for the interment of a Stranger. As I have often heard my good Mother in law Mrs Rush say that all her Children's names were entered, so as to give them the right of Sepulture in the ground of the United Churches, I called afterwards on Mr Smith who was kind enough to say he would make a complete examination of

let me know the result. — He did so as he stated and could not find any entry of Mr Rushs name — I of course, supposed Mrs Rush had been mis= =taken and gave the matter up. — Within a very short time since, in looking over some old letters I found one from Mr. Newbold (one of St. Peters vestry) saying That the pew seats of her pew would remain "in the names" "of Mrs Rush, Mrs H. S. Williams, Horatio Rush" "Rush D. James Rush Samuel Rush Esqr and" "D. William Rush". — This induced me to call again on Mr Smith and upon turning to his record of the Pewholders of 1832 the names of all the family appear to have been regularly entered exactly as Mr Newbold had stated. — Mr Smith admitted at once that a mistake had been made, and gave me the enclosed certificate. — The Pew Rent is admitted to have been regularly paid.

The object of my visit to you this morning was to ask to have this error corrected, and the money, paid under a mistake returned to Mr Biddle. — I wish to have the family rights retained by his wife (who is my niece) and her children altho' it is not probable that she will desire to take advantage of them as her Father and her Brother and now both

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my family vault at Laurel Hill — The Children may however hereafter ~~claim~~ to claim them —

I shewed you this morning my Bringhurst receipt dated Dec^r. 5. 1859 & enclose Mr Smiths Certificate

my respy yrs
Henry D. Williams
July 19. 1862

Mr E. S. Clarke
warden Christ Church
Philadelphia